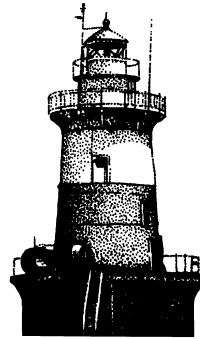


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Minutes of October 6, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm in Room 213 by Chairman McDonald.

Present were Chairman McDonald, Vice Chairman Jewett, Commissioners Raleigh, Kemp, Cavers, Monroe, Schoudele, Sparkman and Wallace. Also present were former Harbor Master Robert Price, and the current Harbor Master Tom Bell.

Former Harbor Master Price introduced Harbor Master Bell, and was thanked for his many years of service. He then excused himself, thanking the Commission for their support of his activities. Mr. Price excused himself for the balance of the meeting.

The minutes of the June 2, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Chairman McDonald announced the resignation of Commissioner Henry Strauss – who was recognized for his many years of dedicated service to the Commission.

In 2011 the Commission will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in room 213: February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7.

Chairman's Report

Chairman McDonald reported on the meetings that he has attended since the last Commission meeting:

- Long Island Sound Study – Citizens Advisory Committee – June 10 in Stamford, and September 9 in New York City
- Dredging Seminar sponsored by the CT Harbor Mgt. Association, - July 19 in New Haven
- CT DEP Boating Advisory Council – September 8 in Old Lyme
- Oil Spill Workshop: “When Oil Spills in Long Island Sound” – sponsored by SoundWaters, Sept. 22 at UConn Stamford. Commissioners Cavers and Kemp attended.
- An upcoming workshop on October 7 in New Haven: Soundvision Workshop

Three pier applications were reviewed, with no comment: Reynolds, at 35 Delafield Island Road, YMCA at Holly Pond, Schoudele at 12 Pratt Island.

The Darien Emergency Management Committee is to include this Commission (Sandy McDonald), the Harbor Master (Tom Bell) and the Darien Boat Club (Jim Baker).

It was noted that the osprey nest at the Noroton Yacht Club was blown away by the recent storm, and that interested parties are investigating the location for a new pole and nest in the outer harbor.

It was also noted that there have been complaints about excessive rafting in Zieglers' Cove, and these incidents have been reported to the Darien Police.

Harbor Master's Report

Harbor Master Bell reported that he has completed a mapping of the moorings found in the harbors, and that he is reconciling his findings with the listings of permitted mooring holders. There are some discrepancies, and they are being addressed.

It is anticipated that a "paperless" system will be introduced for the next year, reducing some of the clerical burdens of the office.

Changes to the ordinances defining and regulating rafting of boats were discussed, he will submit draft language to the Chairman when appropriate.

Shellfish Report

Commissioner Raleigh recapped his meeting with First Selectmen Campbell in April of 2010. These topics were reported in the minutes of the Commissions meeting of May 5, 2010, including:

- update of the Buzzeo map with the Town Clerk
- recommendation of a 30 day permit in lieu of a 90 day permit for commercial activity
- the septic system survey of Tokeneke properties and the closing of Scott Cove to shellfishing
- the placement of shellfishing applications on-line
- review of shellfishing ordinances and the issue of permits through the Selectman's office.

"Managing Darien's Coastal Resources"

Commissioner Jewett reviewed the current status of the document. Some minor changes were recommended for the harbor chart that will accompany the document, with thanks to Commissioner Cavers for his computer support in this effort. The completed document will be placed under an appropriate cover letter and presented to the Selectmen for their review.

Other business

In the interests of time, the following topics were postponed for the next meeting:

- Soundings of the Darien Harbor project
- Discussion of mooring specifications
- Summer Coastal Experiences

Announcements:

The Darien Sail & Power Squadron will present the "Coastal Boating Course" at Middlesex Middle School, beginning Wednesday January 12, 2011.

Flare/Up/2011, a joint effort by the Commission and the Darien Sail & Power Squadron, will be presented on Saturday May 14, 2011 at Weed Beach. A permit has been secured from the Darien Park and Recreation Department for use of the beach from 9am to 1pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meetin was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday November 3, 2010 in Room 213, Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Frank B. Kemp
Clerk